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VESPER SERVICE.

An Order of Evening Worship.

ESPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES.

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'Αγιος, ἁγιος, ἁγιος, κυριος ὁ Θεος ὁ παντοκρατωρ, ὁ ην και ὁ ων και ὁ ερχομενος.'—REV., IV ch., 8 verse.

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PREFACE.

The favor with which the first edition of this Vesper Service was received, the many inquiries concerning it, and the numerous suggestions kindly offered by my brethren in the ministry for the preparation of a new edition, have fully convinced me that a want has been met by its publication. I have also the satisfaction of seeing confirmed an opinion which I have long held, that the scantiness and poverty of the Service of Praise and Song in our Universalist Churches, so much complained of, is not in the lack of devotional feeling on the part of our people, as is usually supposed, but in the want of a suitable provision for the expression of it. If our ministers and others who care for the order of Public Worship will afford the opportunity, our people will be heard in reading, in prayer, and in song, and there will be among us many active, joyful participants in the service of the Lord's house.

I have learned too that success does not lie in the way of constant change. Hitherto we have sought much after variety and our Service Books have been crowded with Responses, which has tempted to many endeavors, but has failed to bring any one of them to fair trial and familiarity. A single form of service, if generally applicable, will be found better than many. In worship, we have interest and delight in what is old and familiar, rather than what is new, or novel, or complex.

I make no claim that the order of Evening Worship here given is the best that has yet been arranged for the use of our churches—nothing more than that it is an effort in the right direction. As such, I offer it to our people, hoping that the Divine blessing will accompany its use.

WORDS OF PROMISE AND COMFORT.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." —*John*, xii., 32.

"For it pleased the Father that in him should ALL FULLNESS dwell; and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven."—1. *Col.*, 19, 20.

"I preach to you a Son of God who has declared everlasting war against disease, ignorance, sin, death, and all which makes men miserable. Those are his enemies; and he reigns, and will reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet, and there is nothing left in God's universe but order and usefulness, health and beauty, knowledge and virtue, in the day when God shall be all in all."—*Charles Kingsley.*

"God must have all his creatures to himself. 'There shall be one flock and one Shepherd.' "—*Stopford Brooke.*

We believe that there is one God, whose nature is love; revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of Grace; who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.—*Universalist Profession of Faith.*

"Never will I seek or receive private individual salvation—never enter final peace alone, but forever and everywhere will I live and strive for the universal redemption of every creature throughout all worlds. Until all are delivered, never will I leave the world of sin, sorrow, and struggle."—*Voice of the Spirit, from an Eastern Liturgy.*

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EVENING SERVICE.

I.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

II.

VESPER HYMN.

(The Congregation will rise and unite in singing this, or either of the following Vesper Hymns.)

No. 1. L. M. SAML. LONGFELLOW.

1. Again, as evening's shadow falls,
We gather in these hallowed walls;
And vesper hymn and vesper prayer
Rise mingling on the holy air.
May struggling hearts that seek release
Here find the rest of God's own peace;
And strengthened here by hymn and prayer,
Lay down the burden and the care!

2. O God, our light! to thee we bow;
Within all shadows standest thou;
Give deeper calm than night can bring,
Give sweeter songs than lips can sing.

Life's tumult we must meet again,
We cannot at the shrine remain ;
But in the spirit's secret cell
May hymn and prayer forever dwell !

No. 2. 7s. LYRA APOSTOLICA.

1. Now the stars are lit in heaven ;
We must light our lamps on earth ;
Every star a signal given
From the God of our new birth.
Every lamp an answer faint,
Like the prayer of mortal saint.

2. Mark the hour and turn this way,
Sons of Israel, far and near !
Wearied with the world's dim day,
Turn to Him whose eyes are here,
Open, watching day and night,
Beaming purest, holiest light.

3. There is One will bless your toil,—
He who comes in heaven's attire,
Morn by morn, with holy oil ;
Eve by eve, with holy fire !
Pray ! your prayer will be allowed,
Mingling with the incense cloud.

No. 3. 10s. LYTE.

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

3. I need thy presence every passing hour:
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me!

4. Not a brief glance I long, a passing word,
But as thou dwell'st with thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free,
Come, not to sojourn, but abide, with me!

No. 4. 8s & 7s. S. LONGFELLOW.

1. Soft as fades the sunset splendor
And the light of day grows dim,
We to Thee our praises render,
Sing we thus our Vesper Hymn:
Jubilate, Amen!
Father, gracious, loving, tender,
Oh! accept the grateful strain!

2. Day by day comes rich in blessing;
Night by night brings holy calm:
Lord, to thee our praise addressing,
Rises thus our joyful psalm:
Jubilate, Amen!
But unworthiness confessing,
Into silence fades again.

No. 5. L. M. BREVIARY.

1. O blest Creator of the light!
Who didst the dawn from darkness bring,
And in the heaven's glorious height
Didst bid the stars together sing:
Who, gently blending eve with morn,
And morn with eve, didst call them day;
Thick flows the flood of darkness down,
Oh! hear us as we come to pray!

2. Keep thou our souls from thought of crime;
Keep them from guilt's remorseful strife;
Not living for the things of time,
But living the eternal life.
Teach us to knock at heaven's high door;
Teach us the prize of life to win;
Teach us all evil to abhor,
And purify ourselves within.

No. 6. 7s. GERMAN HYMN.

1. Softly now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away;
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, I would commune with thee!

2. Thou whose all-pervading eye
Naught escapes, without, within,
Pardon each infirmity.
Open fault, and secret sin.

3. Soon, for me the light of day
Shall forever pass away;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with thee!

No. 7. 11s & 10s. MRS. H. B. STOWE.

1. When winds are raging o'er the upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth evermore.

2. Far, far beneath, the noise of tempests dieth,
And silver waves chime ever peacefully;
And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,
Disturbs the Sabbath of that deeper sea.

3. So to the heart that knows thy love, O Purest!
There is a temple, sacred evermore,
And all the babble of life's angry voices,
Dies in hushed stillness, at its peaceful door.

4. Far, far away, the roar of passion dieth,
And loving thoughts rise calm and peacefully,
And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,
Disturbs the soul that dwells, O Lord, in thee.

5. O Rest of rests! O Peace, serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest, and thou changest never;
And in the secret of thy presence dwelleth
Fullness of joy, forever and forever.

No. 8. C. M. RAY PALMER.

1. Jesus, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of thine!
The vail of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine!

2. I see thee not, I hear thee not,
Yet art thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
As where I meet with thee.

3. Like some bright dream, that comes unsought,
When slumbers o'er me roll,
Thine image ever fills my thought,
And charms my ravished soul.

4. Yet though I have not seen, and still
Must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord! and will,—
Unseen, but not unknown.

5. When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending vail shall thee reveal,
All glorious as thou art.

No. 9. SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

1. Now on land and sea descending,
Brings the night its peace profound;
Let our vesper-hymn be blending
With the holy calm around.

2. Soon as dies the sunset glory,
Stars of heaven shine out above;
Telling still the ancient story,—
Their Creator's changeless love.

3. Now our wants and burdens leaving,
To his care, who cares for all,
Cease we fearing, cease we grieving;
At his touch our burdens fall.

4. As the darkness deepens o'er us,
Lo! eternal stars arise;
Hope and Faith and Love rise glorious,
Shining in the spirit's skies.

III.

CHANTED PSALM.

(The Choir will chant this Psalm, or either one of the following selections.)

No. 1. PSALM cxlviii.

Praise | ye the | Lord.
Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: | praise him | in the | heights.
Praise ye him, | all his | angels:
Praise ye | him all | his— | hosts.
Praise ye him, | sun and | moon:
Praise him, | all ye | stars of | light.
Praise him, ye | heavens of | heavens.
And ye waters that | be a- | bove the | heavens.
Let them praise the | name · of the | Lord;
For he commanded, | and they | were cre- | ated.
He hath also established them for | ever- and | ever.
He hath made a de- | cree which | shall not | pass.
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and | all— | deeps:
Fire and hail; snow and vapors; stormy | wind ful- | filling his | word:
Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and | all— | cedars:
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping | things, and | flying | fowl:
Kings of the earth, and | all— | people;
Princes, and all | judges | of the | earth;
Both young men, and maidens; | old- men, and | children:

Let them praise the | name— | of the | Lord:
For his name a- | lone is ¦ excellent;
His glory is a- | bove the | earth and | heaven.
He also exalteth the | glory of his | people,
The | praise of | all his | saints.

No. 2. I. Chron. xxix., 10–13.

Blessed be thou, Lord God Je- | hovah · our | Father,
For | ev- er | and— | ever.
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, | and the | power,
And the glory, and the | victo-ry, | and the | majesty.
For all that is | in the | heaven
And | in the | earth is | thine;
Thine is the | kingdom, · O | Lord,
And thou art exalted as | head a- | bove— | all,
Both riches and honor | come of | thee,
And thou | reignest | over | all:
And in thine hand is | power · and | might;
And in thine hand it is to make great, and to give | strength— | unto | all.
Now, therefore, our God, we | thank— | thee,
And | praise thy | glorious | name.

No. 3. Isaiah lii., 7–9.

How beautiful up- | on the | mountains
Are the feet of him that bringeth good | tidings, · that | publish-eth | peace.
That bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth | sal- — | vation;

That saith unto | Zion, Thy | God— | reigneth!
Thy watchmen shall lift | up the | voice;
With the voice to- | gether | shall they | sing:
For they shall see | eye to | eye,
When the Lord shall | bring a- | gain— | Zion.
Break | forth into | joy,
Sing together, ye waste places | of Je- | rusa- | lem:
For the Lord hath | comforted · his | people,
He hath re- | deemed · Je- | rusa- | lem.
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of | all the | nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall see the sal- | vation | of our | God.

No. 4. PSALM xix.

The heavens declare the | glory · of God;
And the firmament | showeth his | handy | work.
Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto | night showeth | knowledge.
There is no speech nor language, where their | voice— | is not | heard.
Their line is gone out through | all the | earth,
And their words to the | end— | of the | world,
In-them hath he set a tabernacle | for the | sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong | man to | run a | race.
His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the | ends— | of it:
And there is nothing | hid · from the | heat there- | of.

The law of the Lord is perfect, con- | verting the | soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure | making | wise the | simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, re- | joicing the | heart.
The commandment of the Lord is | pure, en- | lightening · the | eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, en- | during for | ever.
The judgments of the Lord are true and | righteous | alto- | gether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than | much fine | gold.
Sweeter also than honey | and the | honey- | comb.
Moreover by them is thy | servant | warned:
And in keeping of them | there is | great re- | ward.
Who can un- | derstand his | errors?
Cleanse thou | me from | secret | faults;
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have do- | minion | over me:
Then shall I be upright, and I shall be | innocent from | great trans- | gression.
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable | in thy | sight,
O Lord, my | Strength, and | my Re- | deemer.

No. 5. PSALM XXIV.

The earth is the Lord's and the | fullness · there- | of ·
The world, and | they that | dwell there- | in.
For he hath founded it up | on the | seas,
And established | it up- | on the | floods.
Who shall ascend into the | hill · of the | Lord?

Or who shall stand | in his | holy place ?
He that hath clean hands, and a | pure— | heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, | nor— | sworn de- | ceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing | from the | Lord,
And righteousness from the | God of | his sal- | vation.
This is the generation of | them that | seek him,
That | seek thy | face, O | Lord.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye ever- | lasting | doors;
And the King of | glory | shall come | in.
Who is this | King of | glory ?
The Lord strong and mighty, the | Lord— | mighty · in | battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye ever- | lasting | doors;
And the King of | glory | shall come | in.
Who is this | King of | glory ?
The Lord of hosts, | he · is the | King of | glory.

No. 6. PSALMS xlvii and xlviii.

As the hart panteth | for the | water-brooks:
So longeth my | soul for | thee, O | God!
My soul thirsteth for God, for the | living | God!
When shall I come and ap- | pear be- | fore— | Him ?
My tears have been my meat | day and | night,
While they continually say unto me, | where is | thy— | God ?
When I re- | member these | things,
I pour | out my | soul— | in me;

For I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the | house of | God,
With the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that | kept — | holy- | day.
Why art thou cast down, | O my | soul ?
And why art thou dis- | quiet- | ed— | in me ?
Hope | thou in | God:
For I shall yet praise him for the | help of | his— | countenance.
Oh, send out thy light and thy truth: | let them | lead me;
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and | to thy | taberna- | cles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my ex- | ceeding | joy:
Yea, upon a harp will I praise | thee, O | God, my | God.
Why art thou cast down, | O my | soul ?
And why art thou dis- | quiet- | ed with- | in me ?
Hope thou in God, for I | yet shall | praise him:
Him my Re- | deemer | and my | God.

No. 7. PSALM XCVI.

O sing unto the Lord a | new— | song:
Sing unto the | Lord, — | all the | earth.
Sing unto the Lord, | bless his | name;
Show forth his sal- | vation · from | day to | day.
Declare his glory a- | mong the | nations,
His wonders a- | mong— | all— | people.
For the Lord is great, and greatly | to be | praised;
He made | the earth | and the | heavens.

Honor and majesty | are be fore | him:
Strength and beauty are | in his | sanctu- | ary.
Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds | of the | people,
Give unto the Lord | glory | and— | strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due | unto · his | name:
Bring an offering, and come | into | his— | courts.
O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of | holiness;
Let the whole earth | stand in | awe of | him.
Say among the nations that the | Lord— | reigneth;
He will | judge the | people | righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be | glad;
Let the sea roar, and the | fullness | there- — | of.
Let the fields be joyful with all that | is there- | in:
Let all the trees of the wood re- | joice be- | fore the | Lord.
For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the | earth;
He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the | people | with his | truth.

No. 8. PSALM ciii.

Bless the | Lord, · O my | soul:
And all that is within me | bless his | holy | name.
Bless the | Lord, · O my | soul:
And forget not | all his | benefits.
Who forgiveth | all · thine in- | iquities:
Who | healeth | thy dis- | eases.
Who redeemeth thy | life · from de- | struction;
Who crowneth thee with loving | kindness · and | tender | mercies.
The Lord maketh | right · to be | done:

Even | justice | to · the op- | pressed.
Merciful is the | Lord and | kind:
Long-suffering and | plenteous | in— | mercy.
As high as the heavens are a- | bove the | earth:
So great is his mercy to | them that | do re- | vere him
As far as the east is | from the | west:
So far hath he | set our | sins— | from us.
Like as a father | pitieth his | children,
So the Lord hath compassion on | them that | reverence | him.
For he | knoweth · our | frame:
He remembereth | that it | is but | dust.
The days of man are | but as | grass:
He perisheth as a | flower | of the | field.
The wind passeth over it and | it is | gone:
And its | place shall | know it · no | more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon | them that | trust him:
And his | goodness · to | childrens' | children.
To such as | keep his | covenant:
And remember his com- | mand— | ments to | do them.
Bless the Lord, O | ye his | angels:
Ye who do his commands at the | voice— | of his | word.
Bless ye the Lord, all | ye his | hosts;
Ye ministers of | his, that | do his | pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of | his do- | minion:
Bless the Lord, | O— | my— | soul.

No. 9. PSALM CXXXVI.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for | he is | good:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.

To him who alone | doeth · great | wonders:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
To him that by wisdom | made the | heavens:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
To him that stretched out the earth a- | bove the | waters:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
To him that | made great | lights:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
The sun to | rule by | day:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
The moon and stars to | rule by | night:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
Who remembered us in our | low es- | tate:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
And hath redeemed us | from our | sins:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.
Oh, give thanks unto the | God of | heaven:
For his | mercy · en- | dureth · for | ever.

No. 10. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to | God on | high,
And on earth | peace, good | will towards | men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we | worship | thee,
We glorify thee, we give thanks to | thee, for | thy great | glory.
O Lord God, | heavenly | King,
God the | Father | Al- — | mighty.
O God, the Holy, E- | ternal | One!
And thee, O Lamb of God, | Son— | of the | Father,

That takest away the | sins · of the | world,
Have | mer-cy up- | on— | us.
Thou that takest away the | sins · of the | world,
Have | mer-cy up- | on— | us.
Thou that takest away the | sins · of the | world,
Re- | ceive— | our— | prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of | God the | Father,
Have | mer-cy up- | on— | us.
Thou who art nearest the glory | of God | the Father,
Re- | ceive— | our— | prayer.
Through thee we pray, through thee ascribe to Him | all—
praise:
Hear us, O Christ, | and for · us | inter- | cede.

IV.

RESPONSES.

(The Minister, Choir, and Congregation will unite in this or the following Response.)

No. 1. Venite Exultimus Domino.

Minister.—O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Congregation.—Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

Choir.—O come, let us sing un- | to the | Lord :

O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness.

Minister.—O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness ; let all the people worship him, and sing songs of praise unto him.

Congregation.—Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Choir.—O come, let us sing un- | to the | Lord :

O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness.

Minister.—For the Lord is good ; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

Congregation.—Know ye that the Lord he is God, and that we are his people.

Choir.—O come, let us sing un- | to the Lord.

O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness.

Minister.—Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Congregation.—Our feet shall stand within

thy gates, O Jerusalem, in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Choir.—O come, let us sing un- | to the | Lord:

O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness.

* * * * * *

Glory be to the Father, who | is in | heaven:
The | high and | holy | One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be;
World | without | end. A- | men!

No. 2. Te Deum Laudamus.

Minister.—Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. I will speak of his wondrous works, and utter the memory of his goodness: I will tell of his righteousness in the congregation: I will extol his Name in the earth: I will make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: of his mercy and his judgment will I sing.

Congregation.—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High. To show forth his loving kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night.

Choir.—We praise him, | we give thanks to him, | we adore him, | we extol his name:

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, be unto | the Lord our God.

Minister.—All the earth doth worship thee, the Father Invisible, Immortal, Infinite.

Congregation.—To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

Choir.—We praise thee, | we give thanks to thee, | we adore thee, | we extol thy name.

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, be unto | the Lord our God.

Minister.—To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Congregation.—Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Choir.—We praise thee, | we give thanks to thee, | we adore thee, | we extol thy name.

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, be unto | the Lord our God.

Minister.—The glorious company of prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs and saints praise thee.

Congregation.—The holy church throughout the world doth acknowledge thee.

Choir.—We praise thee, | we give thanks unto thee, | we adore thee, | we extol thy name.

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, be unto | the Lord our God.

Minister.—And every creature which is in heaven and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

Congregation.—Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Choir.—We praise thee, | we give thanks unto thee, | we adore thee, | we extol thy name.

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, be unto | the Lord our God.

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Glory be to thee, the Infinite One, | our Creator, our Father, and | our God.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with- | out end. Amen.

V.

HYMNS OF PRAISE.

(The Congregation will rise and sing this, or either of the following Hymns of Praise.)

No. 1. 8s & 7s. FAWCETT.

1. Praise to thee, our great Creator;
   Praise be thine from every tongue;
Join my soul with every creature,
   Join the universal song.
Father, source of all compassion,
   Free, unbounded grace is thine:
Hail the God of our salvation;
   Praise him for his love divine.

2. For ten thousand blessings given,
   For the hope of future joy,
Sound his praise through earth and heaven,
   Sound Jehovah's praise on high.
Joyfully on earth adore him,
   Till in heaven our song we raise,
There enrapturerd fall before him
   Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

No. 2. L. M. WATTS.

1. From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord!
Eternal truth attends thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

No. 3. H. M. ANON.

Glory to God on high!
Forever bless his name;
Let earth, and seas, and sky
His wondrous love proclaim;
To Him be praise
And glory given,
By all on earth,
And all in heaven.

No. 4. H. M. TATE & BRADY.

1. Ye boundless realms of joy,
Exalt your Maker's name;
His praise your songs employ
Above the starry frame:
Your voices raise | And seraphim,
Ye Cherubim | To sing his praise.

2. Let all adore the Lord,
And praise his holy name,
By whose almighty word
They all from nothing came;
And all at last | His firm decree
From changes free; | Stands ever fast.

No. 5. C. M. TATE & BRADY.

1. O Thou to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

2. When heaven, thy glorious work on high,
Employs my wondering sight,—
The moon that nightly rules the sky,
With stars of feebler light,—

3. Lord, what is man, that he is blessed
With thy peculiar care?
Why on his offspring is conferred
Of love so large a share?

4. O Thou to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

No. 6. 7s & 5s. A. C. Thomas.

1. Thou whose wide extended sway
Suns and systems e'er obey!
Thou our Guardian and our stay,
Evermore adored:
In prospective, Lord, we see
Jew and Gentile, bond and free,
Reconciled in Christ to thee,
Holy, Holy Lord.

2. Thou by all shalt be confessed,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
When to thy eternal rest,
In the courts above,
Thou shalt bring the sore oppressed;
Fill each joy-desiring breast;
Make of each a welcome guest,
At the feast of love.

3. When destroying death shall die,
Hushed be every rising sigh,
Tears be wiped from every eye,
Never more to fall;
Then shall praises fill the sky,
And angelic hosts shall cry,
Holy, Holy Lord, Most High,
Thou art all in all!

No. 7. H. M. WATTS.

1. Upward we lift our eyes :
From God is all our aid—
The God that built the skies,
And earth and nature made.
God is the tow'r
To which we fly ;
His grace is nigh
In ev'ry hour.

2. My feet shall never slide,
Nor fall in fatal snares,
Since God, my guard and guide,
Defends me from my fears.
Those wakeful eyes
That never sleep,
Shall Israel keep
When dangers rise.

3. Hast thou not given thy word
To save my soul from death ?
And I can trust my Lord
To keep my mortal breath.
I'll go and come,
Nor fear to die
Till from on high
Thou call me home.

No. 8. L. M. Henry Moore.

1. Supreme and universal Light!
Fountain of reason! Judge of right!
Parent of good! whose blessings flow
On all above, and all below;—

2. Assist us, Lord! to act, to be,
What nature and thy laws decree;
Worthy that bright, that living flame,
Which from thy breathing spirit came.

3. May our expanded souls disclaim
The narrow view, the selfish aim;
And with a Christian zeal embrace
Whate'er is friendly to our race.

4. O Father! grace and virtue grant;
No more we wish, no more we want:
To know, to serve thee, and to love,
Is peace below—is bliss above.

No. 9. 7s. M. Salisbury Coll.

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be thy glorious name adored:
Lord! thy mercies never fail;
Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!

2. Though unworthy, Lord, thine ear,
Deign our humble songs to hear;
Purer praise we hope to bring,
When around thy throne we sing.

3. There no tongue shall silent be;
All shall join in harmony;
And through heaven's capacious round,
Praise to thee shall ever sound.

4. Lord, thy mercies never fail;
Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be thy glorious name adored.

No. 10. 6s & 4s. DOBEL'S COLL.

1. Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou all gracious Lord!
By heaven and earth adored,
Our prayer attend.

Come, and thy children bless;
Give thy good word success;
Make thine own holiness
On us descend.

6. Never from us depart;
Rule thou in every heart,
Hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

VI.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

VII.

ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR.

VIII.

PRAYER.

From Gloria Patri.

O God, our Heavenly Father! we come before thee again with our Vesper Hymns, and our evening sacrifice

of prayer, entreating thee to help us of thy good spirit that our offerings may be acceptable in thy sight. Into the stillness of this hour breathe thou such divine influences as shall consecrate our souls to thee. Inspire us with thoughts and feelings suited to thy most holy presence. As disciples of Jesus Christ, thy Son, and with fervent gratitude to him as our Saviour, we would draw nigh to thee, remembering how far away from thee we should have been without him, and how near to thee he will lead us, if we humbly and steadfastly follow his guidance. To this end, O Father, we invoke thy blessing, beseeching thee for that divine assistance which shall enable us to worship thee in the beauty of holiness, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IX.

SILENT PRAYER.

X.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

(To be chanted by the Choir.)

MATT. vi., 9–13.

Our Father who | art in | heaven,
Hallowed | be— | thy— | name;
Thy | kingdom | come;

Thy will be done on earth | as it | is in | heaven.
Give us this day our | daily | bread;
And forgive us our debts, as | we for- | give our | debtors;
And lead us not | into temp- | tation,
But de- | liv-er | us from | evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the | power, and the | giory,
For | ever. | A- — | men.

XI.

COLLECT.

(Responses for the Minister and the Congregation.)

MINISTER.—The Lord be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

CONGREGATION.—Have mercy upon us according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions; and our sins and our iniquities remember them no more.

MINISTER.—For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

CONGREGATION.—Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us

not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

MINISTER.—O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. May their hearts be at peace in the enjoyment of thy favor, and at last make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

XII.

HYMNS OF PRAYER.

(The first to be chanted by the Choir ; the others, when used, may be sung by the Choir alone, or by the Choir and Congregation.)

No. 1. 7s & 10s. NEW C'H LITURGY.

1. O Father! hear our prayer!
Let sweet-souled angels on their wings of love,
Bear our petition to thy throne above,
That thou may'st hear our prayer.

2. If we this day have striven,
With thy blest spirit, or have bowed the knee
To aught of earth, in weak idolatry,
We pray to be forgiven.

3. Father! our souls would be,
Pure as the drops of eve's unsullied dew,
And as the stars whose mighty course is true,
So would we be to thee.

4. And now, O Father!—take
The hearts we cast with humble faith on thee;
And cleanse their depths from each impurity,
For thine own mercy's sake.

No. 2. 7s M. J. TAYLOR.

1. Lord, what offering shall we bring,
At thine altars when we bow?
Hearts, the pure unsullied spring
Whence the kind affections flow;
Soft compassion's feeling soul,
By the melting eye expressed;
Sympathy, at whose control
Sorrow leaves the wounded breast;—

2. Willing hands to lead the blind,
Bind the wounded, feed the poor;
Love, embracing all our kind;
Charity, with liberal store:—
Teach us, O thou heavenly King,
Thus to show our grateful mind,
Thus the accepted offering bring,
Love to thee and all mankind.

No. 3. 11s & 10s. S. JOHNSON.

1. Father! in thy mysterious presence kneeling,
Fain would our souls feel all thy kindling love,
For we are weak, and need some deep revealing
Of Trust, and Strength, and Calmness from above.

2. Lord, we have wandered forth through doubt and sorrow,
And thou hast made each step an onward one;
And we will ever trust each unknown morrow,—
Thou wilt sustain us till its work is done.

3. In the heart's depths, a peace serene and holy
Abides, and when pain seems to have her will,
Or we despair,—oh, may that peace rise slowly,
Stronger than agony, and we be still.

4. Now, Father, now, in thy dear presence kneeling,
Our spirits yearn to feel thy kindling love:
Now make us strong, we need thy deep revealing
Of Trust, and Strength, and Calmness from above.

No. 4. L. M. From CHRIST IN SONG.

1. Eternal God of earth and air!
Unseen, yet seen in all around,
Remote, but dwelling everywhere,
Though silent, heard in every sound.

2. If e'er thine ear in mercy bent,
When wretched mortals cried to thee;
And if, indeed, thy Son was sent
To save lost sinners such as me:

3. Then hear me now, while, kneeling here,
I lift to thee my heart and eye;
And all my soul ascends in prayer,
Oh, GIVE ME, GIVE ME FAITH! I cry.

4. Without some glimmering in my heart,
I could not raise this fervent prayer:
But, oh! a stronger light impart,
And in thy mercy fix it there.

XIII.

EXPOSITION OR ADDRESS.

XIV.

Hymn by the Congregation or Choir.

XV.

DOXOLOGY.

(Either of the following as the Minister may announce.)

No. 1. L. M.

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly throng;
O praise Jehovah in your song.

No. 2. 8s & 7s. M. BURDER.

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us!
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration,
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
May thy presence
With us evermore be found.

No. 3. C. M. MONTGOMERY.

1. Again our ears have heard the voice
At which the dead shall live;
Oh, may the sound our hearts rejoice,
And strength immortal give!

2. And have we heard the word with joy?
And have we felt its power?
To keep it be our best employ,
Till life's extremest hour.

No. 4. L. M. H. BALLOU.

1. From worship, now, thy church dismiss,
But not without thy blessing, Lord;
Oh, grant a taste of heavenly bliss,
And seal instruction from thy word.

2. Oft may these pleasant scenes return,
When we shall meet to worship thee;
Oft may our hearts within us burn
To hear thy word, thy goodness see.

3. And when these pleasant scenes are past,
To thee, our God, O may we come,
And meet the assembled world at last,
In Zion, our eternal home.

No. 5. C. M.

1. Thou art the First, and Thou the Last:
Time centers all in Thee,—
The mighty Lord who was and is,
And evermore shall be.

2. To Thee let every tongue be praise,
And every heart be love;
All grateful honors paid on earth,
And nobler songs above!

XVI.

BENEDICTION.

ADDITIONAL.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE.

(The Minister may begin either the Morning or the Evening Service by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.)

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.—*Hab.*, ii., 20.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the nations; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the people, saith the Lord of Hosts.—*Mal.*, i., 11.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.—*Psalm* xix., 14, 15.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.—*Ezek.*, xviii., 27.

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me.—*Psalm* li., 3.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—*Psalm* li., 17.

The Lord will not cast off forever: though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according unto the multitude of his mercies, for he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.—*Lam.* iii., 31-33.

Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou didst take vengeance on their inventions.—*Psalm* xcix., 8.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed his voice. —*Dan.*, ix., 9, 10.

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—*Matt.*, iii., 2.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.—*Luke*, xv., 18, 19.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—*Is.* lv., 6, 7.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—I. *John*, i., 8, 9.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.—*Matt.* xi., 28-30.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.—*Rev.* xxii., 17.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—*John*, xiv., 27.

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you.—*John*, xiv., 18.

RESPONSE.

MINISTER.—How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God.

CONGREGATION.—Therefore the children of men put their trust in thee.

MIN.—Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

CON.—Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

MIN.—Blessed are the people that know thee to keep thy word.

CON.—They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

MIN.—The Lord is merciful and gracious.

CON.—Long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

MIN.—Keeping mercy for thousands.

CON.—Forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin.

MIN.—The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

CON.—The Lord is good to all.

MIN.—His mercy endureth forever.

CON.—And his tender mercies are over all his works.

MIN.—God so loved the world that he gave us his Son, Jesus Christ, that through him we might have eternal life.

CON.—And this is eternal life: to know God, the Father, and Jesus, whom he hath sent.

LITANY.

(May be used instead of Collect, or as a service upon special occasions.)

MINISTER.—O God our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

PEOPLE.—O God our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

MIN.—Remember not against us our many sins, but in thy plenteous mercy forgive us.

PEO.—Forgive us, our Father in heaven, forgive us.

MIN.—From pride, from vanity, and from deceit; from envy, hatred, and malice, do thou deliver us;

PEO.—From temptation and from every evil, do thou deliver us.

MIN.—By thy great power, by thy mercy, by thy love, do thou deliver us;

PEO.—Do thou deliver us.

MIN.—By thy Son, sent to redeem us, by his faith and obedience; by the words he spoke, by the work he did, by the sympathy he gave; by his prayer, sorrow, and agony; by his cross and passion; by his suffering and death; by his glorious resurrection and ascension; do thou deliver us;

PEO.—Do thou deliver us.

MIN.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord, that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal, in the right way; illuminating all Christian ministers with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly; and giving to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak, to raise up the fallen, and to find the lost;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates; giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth and righteousness in the land;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to bless the labors of the husbandman in seed-time and in harvest, giving the early and latter rains in their season, and preserving to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to help all who are in danger, necessity and tribulation; to preserve all who travel by land or by water; to comfort all aged, infirm and sick persons; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That thou wilt comfort the bereaved, provide for the widow, the orphan and the desolate; that thou wilt relieve the distressed in mind, or body, or estate; and that thou wilt give to each one of us patience for the cares and trials of life;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to forgive our enemies,

and such as speak falsely against us; and to put away all wrath and contention from among us;

PEO.—We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

MIN.—That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, our negligence and ignorance; to sanctify us by thy Holy Spirit, that we may bear our cross with good repute, and in the end attain the perfect life;

PEO.—Hear us, O Lord, we beseech thee, and answer our prayer.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All will unite in reading.)

Jesus said:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and soul, and mind, and strength; this is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Love your enemies: bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you; that you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil as on the good.

If any man would be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me.

These are of old:

Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not covet; thou shalt not commit adultery; honor thy father and mother; remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

THE BEATITUDES.

(All will unite in reading.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

COMING OF CHRIST.—Service for Christmas.

1. Introductory Sentences.

(After the Organ Voluntary.)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord—Hosanna in the highest!

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2. Hymn.

1. When marshaled on the nightly plain,
   The glittering host be- | stud · the | sky,
   One star alone of all the train
   Can fix the | sinner's | wandering | eye.
   Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks
   From every host, from | every | gem;
   But one, alone, the Saviour speaks,
   It is the | star, the | star of | Bethlehem!

2. Once on the raging seas I rode,
   The storm was loud, the | night was | dark;
   The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
   The wind that | tossed my | foundering | bark;
   Deep horror then my vitals froze,
   Death-struck I ceased the | tide to | stem;
   When suddenly a star arose,
   It was the | star, the | star of | Bethlehem.

3. It was my guide, my light, my all;
It made my dark fore- | bodings | cease,
And through the storm and danger's thrall,
It | led me · to the | port of | peace.
Now safely moored, my perils o'er,
I'll sing | first · in night's | diadem,
Forever, and forevermore,
The | star, the | star of | Bethlehem.

3. Response.

Minister.—The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Congregation.—Unto us the sun of righteousness hath arisen, with healing in his wings.

Min.—That was the true light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Con.—The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Min.—God so loved the world that he gave his son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but should have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Con.—And hath raised us up together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Min.—These are the words of promise: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Con.—The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord.

Min.—And out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Con.—And he shall judge among the nations, and rule the people in righteousness.

Min.—The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Con.—The lame man shall leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Min.—In the wilderness waters shall break out, and streams in the desert.

Con.—The Lord will appear in the waste places, and the deserts and hills shall rejoice.

Min.—His name shall be called Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.

Con.—He shall reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Min.—Thus the angelic host announced his coming, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will to men.

Con.—Lo, the prince of peace is come; Immanuel is with us.

4. PRAYER.

O God, our Father in heaven, we praise thee for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. Help us, we pray thee, that in this hour, so hallowed by memories of thy dear Son, we may partake of his spirit, and dwell with delight upon the many wondrous scenes of his eventful life. We would go back in thought, to the village of Bethlehem, and the plains of Judea, and hear the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace, good-will to men." May we grow as he did, in grace and in knowledge, and in favor with thee. May we have faith and confidence like his, and, through him find present and everlasting salvation. *Amen.*

(Or this beautiful Invocation of Channing's.)

Compassionate Saviour! We welcome thee to our world. We welcome thee to our hearts. We bless thee for the Divine Goodness thou hast brought from Heaven; for the Souls thou hast warmed with love to God; for the efforts of Divine Philanthropy which thou hast inspired; and for that hope of a pure Celestial Life, through which thy disciples triumph over death. Benevolent Saviour! Inspirer of goodness! We offer thee this tribute of affectionate gratitude on earth; and we hope to know, to love, to resemble and to approach thee, more nearly and more worthily in Heaven.

THE RESURRECTION.—An Easter-day Service.

1. Introductory Sentences.

(After Voluntary on the Organ, and Anthem by the Choir.)

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Rom.*, vi., 9–11.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 *Cor.*, xv., 19–22.

2. Hymn.

1. Feeble, helpless, how shall I
Learn to live and learn to die?
Who, O God, my guide shall be?
Who shall lead thy child to thee?

2. Blessed Father, gracious One,
Thou hast sent thy holy Son,
He will give the light I need,
He my trembling steps will lead.

3. Through this world, uncertain, dim,
Let me ever learn of him,
From his precepts wisdom draw,
Make his life my solemn law.

4. Thus in deed, and thought, and word,
Led by Jesus Christ the Lord,
In my weakness, thus shall I
Learn to live and learn to die:

5. Learn to live in peace and love,
Like the perfect ones above;—
Learn to die without a fear,
Feeling thee, my Father, near.

3. Response.

Minister.—Jesus said: I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

CONGREGATION.—Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and brought immortality to light through the Gospel.

MIN.—In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

CON.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

MIN.—God raised him up, having loosed the pains of death; and he dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

CON.—How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

MIN.—This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

4. PRAYER.

Our Father in heaven, we thank thee that didst send thy Son, Jesus Christ, to tell us of the mansions above where thy children live with thee forever; that our souls shall live though these bodies perish, and that we go from hence to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Help us, we beseech thee, to forsake every sin, every evil thought and feeling, that when death shall come, we may be ready for our home on high. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION.

1. Select Sentences.

(After a hymn or chant the minister may read either of the following select sentences.)

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—1 *Cor.*, xi., 23–26.

He took the bread and blessed it, then He brake,
And gave to each, and said—oh, words sublime!
"This is my body broken; through all time,
In memory of my death, this emblem take."
Next for the cup gave thanks; for His dear sake,
He bade them taste the wine: "Drink, 'tis my blood,
The seal and witness of all grace in God,
Till in His glorious likeness we appear."
O sacred mystery! communion sweet,
Of holy, loving souls, in which they flow

All into one blest brotherhood, and meet
Ineffably their Lord, and joy to know
That at this simple board they feast with Him,
Whose face unveiled fires the rapt seraphim.

RAY PALMER (changed).

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.—*Matt.*, v., 6.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said : My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—*John*, vi., 32, 33, 35.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—*Rev.*, xxii., 17.

By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Being many we are one, being partakers of one bread. 1 *Cor.*, xii., 13; x., 17.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.—*John*, xv., 4, 5.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard of my Father, I have made known unto you.—*John*, xv., 13–15.

2. Prayer.

(Minister and Congregation.)

O God, our Heavenly Father, we come around Thy table to renew our feeling of obligation to Thy Son, our Redeemer. We would renew our memory of his life and holy example, of his sorrow and pains in the garden, of his cruel rejection and condemnation by wicked men, and of his death on the cross.

O God! wilt Thou sanctify to us these emblems of bread and wine, whereby we show forth the death of our dear Lord, and as we thus unite in the outward service of love and commemoration, make us one with each other in the fellowship of the Spirit.

And in this, our communion, we desire to remember, and beseech thee to remember and bless the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ, and in the joyful hope of resurrection unto eternal life.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world; the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have wrought righteousness.

We remember all such as journey; all who are in sickness or distress; and we would forgive our enemies, if there be any who have wished or done us ill.

We remember the whole family of man; beseeching thee that the spirits of all flesh may taste of thy grace, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God.

And unto us, O Lord God, vouchsafe such guidance that as Christians, and blameless, we may spend the remainder of our lives.

We humbly acknowledge our weakness, and the sins we have from time to time committed, and of which we do truly repent. Have mercy upon us, comfort and help us. In the name of thy dear Son, we beseech thee to forgive us all that is past, and enable us hereafter to serve and please thee in a good life. *Amen.*

(The minister will now bless the emblems, and after the people have partaken of them, an appropriate hymn will be sung and the benediction pronounced.)

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND COVENANT.

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Desiring to consecrate ourselves to Christ in a public confession of our faith and obligations, we hereby signify

our assent to the Winchester Articles, and solemnly pledge ourselves in the Covenant based thereon.

Winchester Confession.

Art. I. We believe that the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain a revelation of the character of God, and of the duty, interest, and final destination of mankind.

Art. II. We believe that there is one God, whose nature is Love, revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of Grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

Art. III. We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected, and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practice good works, for these things are good and profitable unto men.

Covenant.

Cherishing these truths, we covenant and promise that we will earnestly use the various aids to Christian culture, and try to grow in the graces of the Christian life; that we will faithfully walk with this Church in love and the spirit of mutual help; and that, seeking to be negligent of no duty, we will prayerfully endeavor "to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, in all things," remembering that the one purpose of Christ is to make us like himself, and that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us, through Jesus Christ, the knowledge of thy truth, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTIONS.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Now may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.

1. Introductory Sentences.

(After song by the Children.)

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.—*St. Mark*, x., 13–16.

2. Hymn.

(All will unite in singing.)

1. I think when I read that sweet story of old,
   When Jesus was here among men,
   How he called little children as lambs to his fold,
   I should like to have been with them then.

2. I wish that his hands had been placed on my head,
   That his arm had been thrown around me,
   And that I might have seen his kind look when he said,
   Let the little ones come unto me.

3. Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go,
   And ask for a share in his love;
   And if I thus earnestly seek him below,
   I shall see him and hear him above.

4. In that beautiful place he has gone to prepare
   For all he hath loved and forgiven,
   How many dear children shall be with him there,
   For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

5. But thousands and thousands who wander and fall,
   Never heard of that heavenly home;
   I wish they could know there is room for them all,
   And that Jesus has bid them to come.

3. Response.

Minister or Superintendent.—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not.

Scholars.—Early will we seek thee, O Lord.

Min.—The fear of the Lord guideth to wisdom.

Schol.—Early will we seek thee, O Lord.

Min.—Those that seek him early shall find him.

Schol.—Show us thy ways, O Lord! teach us thy paths.

Min.—Hearken diligently unto my Commandments, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul.

Schol.—All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Min.—The Lord most high is a great ruler over all the earth. He is God. It is he that created us and not we ourselves. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Schol.—In his presence is fullness of joy; at his right hand there are pleasures evermore.

Min.—Oh, serve the Lord with gladness! come before his presence with singing.

Schol.—We will enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

4. Prayer.

Father of all souls, thy goodness covers and blesses all thy creatures. We have no gifts for thee, but thy hand is ever full of gifts for us, enriching us with thy love and bounty when we come to thee. When thou sayest, Seek ye my face, may our hearts reply, Thy face

will we seek. Teach us how to seek thee aright, with pure hearts and sincere desires, striving to love and obey thee. And thine shall be the praise and the glory forever. *Amen.*

THE CROSS.

Jesus said: If any man would be my disciple, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For it pleased God, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the leader of their salvation perfect through suffering.

He, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame. And though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

For in that he hath suffered, being tried, he is able to succor them that are tried. For we have not a High Priest who cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name.

1. In the cross of Christ I glory
   Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
   All the light of sacred story
   Gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
   Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
   Never shall the cross forsake me;
   Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
   Light and love upon my way,
   From the cross the radiance streaming
   Adds more lustre to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
   By the cross are sanctified;
   Peace is there that knows no measure;
   Joys that through all time abide.

HYMNS.

No. 1. 6s & 4s. Mrs. Sarah F. Adams.

1. Nearer, my God to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be—
Nearer, my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee!

2. Though, like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be—
Nearer, my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee!

2. There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me;
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee!

4. Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs,
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee!

5. Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly;
Still all my song shall be—
Nearer, my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee!

No. 2. 7s & 6s. ANCIENT.

1. For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast,
And medicine in sickness,
And love, and life, and rest.

2. O one, O only mansion!
O Paradise of joy;
Where tears are ever banished,
And smiles have no alloy!
Thou hast no shores, fair ocean,
Thou hast no time, bright day!
Dear fountain of refreshment
To pilgrims far away.

3. Brief life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there.
Oh, happy retribution!
Short toil, eternal rest:
For mortals and for sinners,
A mansion with the blest.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of saints above;
O sweet and blessed country,
Home of the Friend we love.
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
To thee with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever-blest.

No. 3. 7s. Rev. S. Johnson.

1. Life of ages, richly poured,
Love of God, unspent and free,
Flowing in the prophet's word
And the people's liberty!

2. Never was to chosen race
That unstinted tide confined;
Thine is every time and place,
Fountain sweet of heart and mind.

3. Secret of the morning stars,
Motion of the oldest hours,
Pledge through elemental wars
Of the coming Spirit's powers!

4. Breathing in the thinker's creed,
Pulsing in the hero's blood,
Nerving simplest thought and deed,
Freshening time with truth and good;

5. Consecrating art and song,
Holy book and pilgrim track,
Hurling floods of tyrant wrong
From the sacred limits back;—

6. Life of ages, richly poured,
Love of God, unspent and free,
Flow still in the prophet's word,
And the people's liberty!

No. 4. S. M. C. Wesley (changed).

1. A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;—
Oh, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!

3. Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And, oh! thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

4. Help me to watch and pray,
My talent to increase,
For time and for thine endless day—
Earth's work and heaven's peace.

No. 5. L. M. Theodore Parker.

1. In darker days and nights of storm,
Men knew thee but to fear thy form;
And in the reddest lightning saw
Thine arm avenge insulted law.

2. In brighter days we read thy love
In flowers beneath, in stars above;
And in the track of every storm
Behold thy beauty's rainbow form.

3. And in the reddest lightning's path
We see no vestiges of wrath,
But always wisdom,—perfect love,
From flowers beneath to stars above.

4. See, from on high sweet influence rains
On palace, cottage, mountains, plains
No hour of wrath shall mortal fear,
For thou, the God of Love, art here.

No. 6. S. M. H. Ballou.

1. In God's eternity
There shall a day arise,
When all the race of man shall be
With Jesus in the skies.

2. As night before the rays
Of morning flees away,
Sin shall retire before the blaze
Of God's eternal day.

3. As music fills the grove,
When stormy clouds are past,
Sweet anthems of redeeming love
Shall all employ at last.

4. Redeemed from death and sin,
Shall Adam's numerous race
A ceaseless song of praise begin,
And shout redeeming grace.

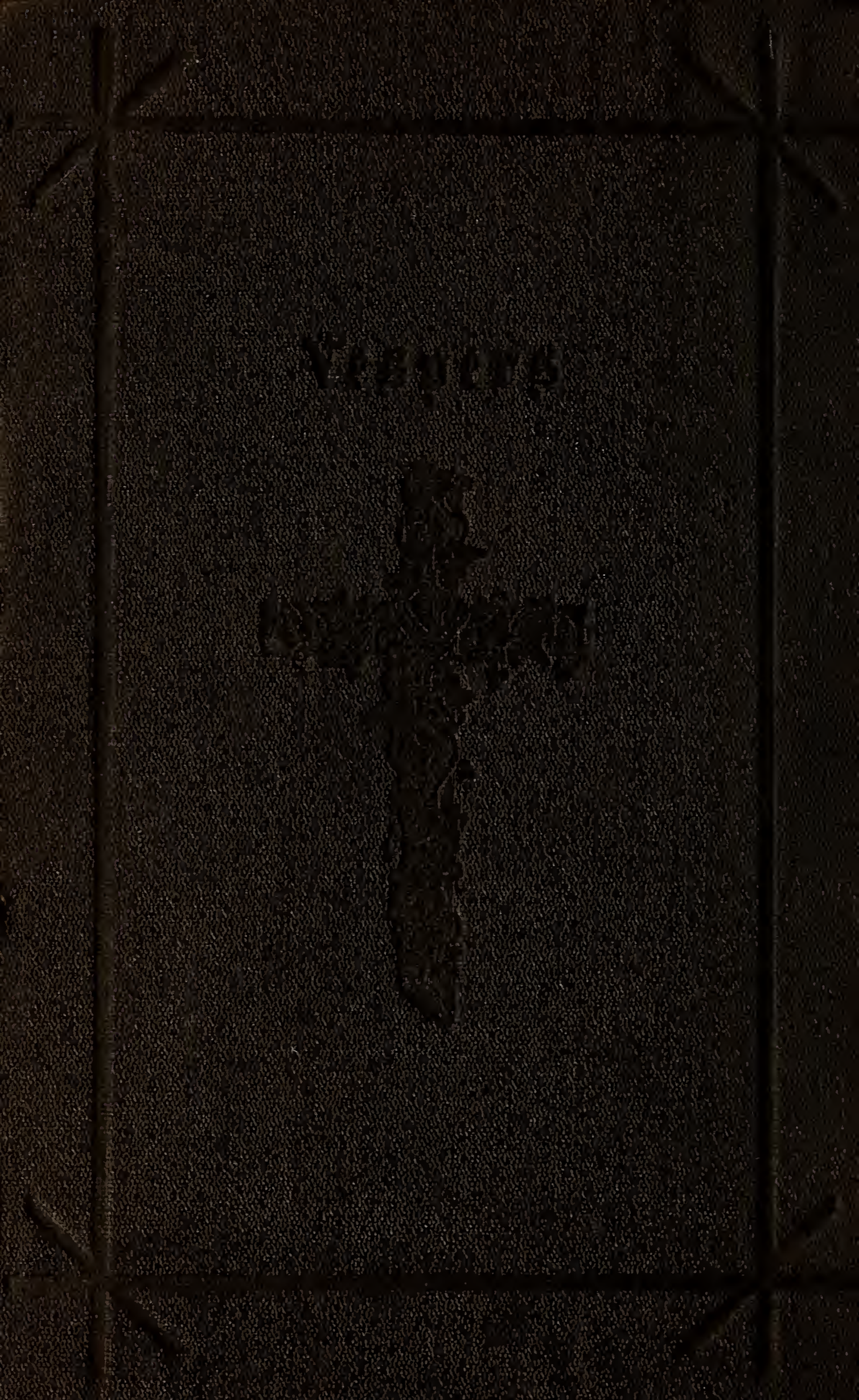
No. 7. C. M. Rev. H. Bonar.

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast."

2. I came to Jesus as I was—
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And He has made glad.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"Behold, I freely give
The living water—thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."

4. I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

5. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light,
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."

6. I look'd to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Till trav'ling days are done.